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NEWS SUMMARY.

The Hines-Memorial Committee will meet -The Electric Light Committee of the Council will meet. - The House Committee on Pub-He Property met. - Both houses of the General were transacted. The Norfolk Ferry bill was discussed. -- The State Apportionment bill was passed .-- A meeting of the Virginia Historical Society was held .- The State Debt Commissioners met.

VIRGINIA.

The Shenandoah Agricultural Society this year considerably reduced its debt .- Mrs. Dr. Gibboney, of Wytheville died. - The Spanish American Newspaper Company was chartered in Charleston, W. Va.—Fairfax Courthouse wants to be incorporated as a city.-Dr. W. F. Erebs, of Staunton. died .- Since Janwary, 1890, 233 houses have been erected at Chifton Forge. - The Accomac county people met to consider how to improve the county roads -Much valuable timber is being ruined in the Valley of Virginia by a small insect.-The funeral of M ss Roberta Cline took place in Alexandria. - Miss Mary Hurley died in Staun--Rev. G. K. Dawson, of the Huntington (W. Va.) Methodist church was tried on various charges, found guilty and expelled .- Mr. Ross Jackson and Miss Belle Edmonds, of Gate City, were married in Bristol .- The Pocaliontas (W. Va.) people will have to have another election about moving the county seat, becau se the Australian ballot was not used according to law .-- The crew of the pirate Pungy Alexina are still in the Accomac jail.—The funeral of Mrs. Euth A. Sinclair took place in Charlottesville.— Alfred Beinach, indicted in Petersburg for stealing a gold watch, has been committed to jail. -Captain Oscar Edwards is indorsed by the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce for harbor ings. master.-Judge Portlock has been warm! congratulated by his friends in Norfolk .- The funeral of Mrs. L. F. Lee, of Norfolk, took place yesterday .- The remains of Colonel Aifred D. Withers, of Norfolk, have been taken to New York for interment. - A temperance meeting will be held to-day in Norfolk to demand enforcement of the liquor laws .- Representative Meredith's credentials being withheld. An epidemic of grip in Lexington .- Valley Engine Works changes hands .- Brakeman Turner seriously injured near Griffiths .--Alfred Reinach bailed in Petersburg for \$5,000. -A sailor injured by an engine at West Point.

WASHINGTON. Frominent Democrats say that ex-President Cleveland will make no effort to obtain the Presidential nomination .- Mr. Mills has declined the second place on the Ways and Means Committee .- The policy of the managers of are fortunately situated as a general rule, bethe present House is to consolidate the appro- cause even when their grain crops are selling priation bills in the hands of the regular Appro- at very low prices they are able to derive a printion Committee.

NEW YORK. Terminal coupons maturing January 1st to he paid .- Dr. Hoge preaches in New York today .- President Hoey, of the Adams Express Company, said to have made satisfactory arrangements with that company .- Arrangoelection is a victory for him --- Noah Richards. the negro who murdered Policeman J. J. Sherman, found guilty of murder in the first degree. GENERAL

Owners of turpentine farms in Georgia are organizing a movement to induce negro hands to leave North Carolina for that point .- Mrs. Hand eloped from Winston, N. C., with her lover .- Cadets give the Oxford, N. C., orphans a Christmas present .- London Times says the debt settlement will not increase Virginia's credit .- A colored priest ordained in Baltimore. Senator Colquett to retire from the United,States Senate. Base-ball convention in Indianapolis adjourns sine die .- Fatal shooting affair in Hopkinsville, Kv .-- Democratic Convention in New Orleans nominates State ticket and adjourns .- The Crested Butte strike over .- Three men killed by a boiler exin Springfield, Mo .- Rev. Father O Towd dies in Canada - Brazil said to be in an unsettled condition .- Zanzibar to be a free trade port .- Roanoke and Southern railroad is connected at Ronceverte, W. Va. - Services in commemoration of Dishop Lyman's ordination held in Raleigh, N. C .- Mr. Mills is offered second place on the Ways and Means Committee and declines .- The Army and Navy Departments deny that they are preparing for war

THE new Speaker of the House of Repre sentatives is a Crispmas gift from Georgia.

Our recent article on Virginia scholars was not intended, it is almost unnessary to say, as any reflection upon the work which is being done by our professors of English in our Virginia colleges and universities. We have a very just appreciation of this work. and are not, we believe, inaccurately informed as to the extent to which it has been carried. The substance of our wish was simply that in all of our colleges and universities the chair of English, disassociated from the chair of history, should be placed in length if not in scope of instruction upon precisely the same footing as the chair of Latin or Mathematics. That it is not so in every case now is due not to any deficiency in ability or learning on the part of the instructors, but to body of students as compared with other subjects which are improperly considered to be of more importance. It is gratifying to observe that this lack of interest is being modified as time passes on, a fact which is to be attributed to the more aggressive scholarship of the men who are conducting the English courses in our colleges and universities at the present | the same idea, but not exactly.

REGULATION OF RAILROAD BATES.

One of the most important powers that government can exercise in its control of railroads is the regulation of its rates, as the power of the railroad to collect money for the service rendered is the very life of the railroad.

The Supreme Court of the United States, however, in the case of Stone against Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, says: "This power to regulate is not a power to

destroy; a limitation is not the equivalent of confiscation. Under pretense of regulating the fares and freights the State cannot require a railroad corporation to carry persons or property without reward; neither can it do that which, in common law, amounts to a taking of private property for public use without just compensation or without due process of law." In the case of the Chicago. Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway Company against the Minnesota Railroad Warehouse Commission the same court decided that the arbitrary power which had been given that commission to fix rates finally was unconstitutional, in that "no hearing is provided for; no summons or notice to the company before the commission has found what it is to find, and declared what it is to declare. No opportunity provided for the company to introduce witnesses before the commission; in fact nothing which has a semblance of due process of law."

It is true that in the proposed Kent bill an appeal from the decision of the commission is given, which enables the railroad subsequently to rectify the arbitrary act of the commission. This seems to invert what is the natural course to be pursued under the principles laid down by the supreme court, assuming that the railroads have the right to make their own rates under the original power given them to that effect by the Legislature, and that it is only in cases where a railroad transcends the bounds of what is reasonable and just that the State desires to limit its exercise of this power. It seems plain, then, that any action taken under the guise of law in behalf of the State to control a railroad in the matter of rates should be at once begun before the courts. To effect this we approve the following principles, which should be in-Assembly were in session and important matters | corporated in any statute intended to regulate

railroad rates: 1. Rates as fixed by railroads to be allowed until the same are altered as hereinafter provided.

2. Objection to rates may be made either by the commission on its own motion or upon the suggestion of any one aggrieved by any rate alleged to be unreasonable and unjust.

3. If the commission deems the rate objected to unreasonable and unjust it shall notify the railroad company to change the same after reasonable notice to a proper rate to be fixed by the commission.

4. If the railroad company refuse to adopt the rate as fixed by the commission, the commission shall forthwith summon said railroad before the court having proper jurisdiction to compel said railroad to adopt the rate fixed by said commission, or such other rate as the court may ascertain to be reasonable and

5. Pending this decision, any rate collected by the railroad in excess of what the court shall decide to be reasonable and just shall be refunded by said railroad to the shipper. 6. All proceedings to corect rates or to en-

force such as are reasonable and just shall be pressed to a prompt trial, and such cases and any appeals therefrom shall be deemed privileged, and shall have precedence in the court, 7. If the decision of the court is against the

railroad it shall pay all costs of the proceed-

SOUTHERN AND WESTERN CROPS. The New York Tribune in a recent article calls attention to the fact that the West is now reaping the advantages which always result from a diversification of agricultural products while the greater part of the South is suffering from the evils which attend an almost exclusive devotion to the cultivation of one staple.

The agricultural report for December shows that the aggregate value of wheat, corn and oats of the present year exceeds that of the same crops for last year by at least \$300,000,-000, and the larger proportion of this enormous difference will find its way into the hands of the Western farmers. These farmers | grace was almost intolerable when the sup-It is very rare that the Western farmers do not secure some margin above cost on at least | Field is reported now to be on his death-bed. one crop or one form of production.

ments being made to consolidate New York and | States, on the other hand, the principal re- | ness appealing to every one who has a spark adjacent cities Governor Hill says Flower's | liance is placed on cotton, cotton being al- of personal or family pride in his breast. there is no product to fall back upon. Low of large crops of cotton simply because there

is no crop to form a substitute. year as compared with the crop of of any advance in value. On the contrary, the price of the present year is materially lower than it was last year, and there is little crops for several years have reduced the supply on hand. In the meanwhile the cotton gotten, while the name is immortal. States must suffer from the lack of diversifi-

cation in their agricultural industries. system for many years. There seems to be a fascination in the production of staples like tobacco and cotton which diverts the attention of their producers from all other crops. From the time when tobacco and cotton were been the same complaint, that time and money ton planter in other crops until either his lands have been worn out or the prices fell for a succession of years below the cost of production.

Tobacco and cotton are more or less speculative crops, and in this probably lies the secret of the assidnity with which they are cultivated in spite of all discouragements.

Hans Andersen's story of the "Ugly Duck" is tolerably familiar. The infant swan with its long neck and odd-looking head and general awkwardness was too much for the manners of the pretty ducklings. They couldn't help quacking at it and persecuting the unlucky thing. And the poor little creature a lack of interest in the subject by the great | felt so badly that it would go off to itself, and led a very, very sad life of it. But it went on growing, and all its ugliness turned to grace and beauty, and at last it found its element, its congenial companions and its

life. Anybody can preach a sermon on that text, Cinderella is almost another illustration of

one who is out of his place in a business that he dislikes or who is compelled to keep company that is distasteful to him is an ugly duck to all about him. They don't appreciate him. They don't see what he is fit for. If they suspect him of merit they will rather prefer to brand him as a fool. And the unthinking, heartless crowd will peck at him and persecute him and mortify him to death. Then the poor fellow thinks they know him better than he knows himself, and he can't do a thing exactly as it ought to be done. Everybody is smarter than he and nothing that he says or does that is not foolish or wrong. Oh, how miserable an ugly duck can be! And there are many ugly ducks in the highest | ed for just such a present as you would like spheres and on the lowest levels on the lake

and in the puddle. Natural selection, the everlasting fitness of things, aptness and congeniality are the absolute and necessary condition of healthy development, smooth working and happiness, The disorders, discontents, failures, doleful regrets and disgusts of life come for the most part of our being misplaced and misguided-not following our natural bents and inclinations. How many fairly successful merchants are there whom chance and a strong sense of duty have brought to a competency yet fall into their ruts, almost like dray horses? Then business is a dreary plodding. They fell into their callings without any love for them, and jog along through life sadly, patiently, submissively, but conscious that they are out of place, and in the best view of it that life has been only a respectable failure, and that there has been no life. Change only words and names, and the same remarks are applicable to men in all pursuits. And the old age of retirement is spent in dreaming of the undefined idealthe heart's desire that they have missed. The ugly ducks did not manage to get home. And so they passed their lives as cranks and oddi-

ties-eccentrics, If it is miserable with men, how must it be with the other sex? Little children whose loves and affections have budded and expanded in the light and warmth of a loving home, what have they to do with the sensational, spectacular, heartless world? And yet how often are these dear ones from a mere desire to please an ambitious father, mother, brother in the glaring pomp of dress made to take part with the mad world. They can't be ugly ducks, but they are exiles from home, unhappy in the midst of frolic and most likely wall-flowers. By the rivers of Babylon they sit down and weep.

these unfortunates. Over and over again the very features that make a noble nature unadjustable to the commonplace is some noble at reasonable prices. Trimmed Hats, Shapes,

The whole story was told long ago. The catacornered rock that no workman could turn to account, in the way, when the work was done graced the apex of the pyramid. The stone which the builders rejected became the head of the corner. And it is enough for the disciple to be as his Master and the servant as his Lord. The Almighty has made everything beautiful in its place.

CYRUS W. FIELD AND HIS SON.

The sudden fluctuations in the condition of Cyrus W. Field, in response to the successive steps which have been taken in connection with his son, Edward M. Field, throw a very pathetic light upon his pride of character.

When it was announced that the younger Field was so disordered in his intellect that he had been removed to an insane asylum the mind of the father seemed to recover somewhat from the shock which it had undergone, and his health, which was stated by his physicians to be desperate, showed a ad improvement as if he had found relief in the thought that the mental unresponsibility of his son diminished the weight of disgrace which his acts had cast upon the family name.

When later Edward Field was arrested upon the order of the district attorney of New York, and an exposure of his defalcations became certain the theory of insanity being no longer allowed, Cyrus W. Field, the father, suffered a relapse, from which there is no prospect of his rallying.

The stain which the impending investigation of the conduct of the younger Field will inflict upon the reputation of the Field name is more than the father can bear. The disposed insanity of Edward Field palliated it. This partial alleviation of the dishonor of his conduct is now withdrawn and the aged father profit at least from corn and oats in feeding has only the unmitigated villainy of a favstock which always command fair returns. ored and trusted son to contemplate. This last stroke has apparently gone home, as Mr.

The feeling of Mr. Field is so natural that In the greater number of the Southern all men can sympathize with it, his sensitivemost the exclusive crop. When its price de- It reflects honor upon Mr. Field and upon clines to a very low point, there is a marked humanity. In his last hour, we seem to see depression in the planting interest, because | him sinking in unspeakable sorrow to the grave, while he raises his arm to shut out the prices do not always discourage the planting sight of a world which had been darkened for him by the shame of his son.

If we look at it in the light of an impartial Although there has been such an enormous spectator, it is plain that no great name falling off in the amount of the which has been made great by the useerop of cotton for the present ful achievements of a father can be really disgraced in the opinion last year, nevertheless there is no indication of the world by the evil deeds of his son. In the eye of history, the name is the man who gave it its lustre, and his worthless or even criminal sons cannot dim prospect of any notable increase until short that lustre, for it is the heritage, not of a single family, but of mankind. They are for-

The name of the Fields, although not of the first order of celebrity, is universally honored It is too much to expect any change in this | in this country, and it will be remembered for many generations with respect and admiration when the record of Edward Field shall have been blotted from the minds of men.

We published last Thursday morning a first cultivated in large quantities there has spirited address to the women of Virginia from Mrs. John Paul and Mrs. John S. Wise were expended on them to the exclusion of all | urging their organization and concert of acother products. It has been difficult to excite | tion for the proper representation of Virginia the exclusive interest of the tobacco and cot- at the World's Columbian Exposition to be held in Chicago in 1893.

No people on earth know better than those of Virginia and the South generally what women can do when they have their hearts enlisted in any cause. Virginia's place should not be unoccupied in the Chicago Exposition. It is too much the custom of our Atlantic seaboard people to reflect rather than act. This is a case in which action is required. It is a plain case of what ought to be done.

The Feast of the Lights. One of the feasts celebrated by the orthodox Jews is the Feast of the Lights or dedication. This feast will commence on Friday cation. This feast will commence on Friday night next, and continue for eight days, and is in commenceration of the rededication of the temple following the triumph of Judas Maccabeus over Antiochus, B. C. 169, when he marched into Jerusalem unopposed with his troops and gladly and solemnly relighted the extinguished lights of the temple. On their cutrance into the temple a single can of holy oil was found left, and this lasted eight days, until other oil could be made; hence the eight day feast.

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